

# INFORMATION.....community options program

*from the Bureau of Aging and Long Term Care Resources*

## APPLICANTS REGISTERED ON HSRS WAITING FOR COP OR WAIVER FUNDED SERVICES

In 2002, county long term support agencies for the first time registered persons on the Human Service Reporting System (HSRS) who were requesting community based long term support services, were likely to be eligible based on a preliminary review and were waiting for further consideration once resources could be made available. Counties are commended for entering into the system over 9,000 names in two months. Attached is the county listing of registered applicants and the statewide totals by target group. This information will be posted on the Department of Health and Family Services website and updated periodically as needed.

The following are key points about this data:

- Numbers indicate persons waiting as of December 31, 2002.
- Persons on county wait lists and registered on HSRS must have had a preliminary determination made that they meet functional criteria that qualifies them for the Community Options Program (COP) or any of the comparable home and community based waivers, i.e., they meet level of care requirements comparable to nursing home eligibility.
- Persons qualify for COP or a waiver if they have a need for long term support services as a result of conditions of aging, developmental disabilities, physical disabilities, serious and persistent mental illness, or long term alcohol or other drug abuse.
- Persons are low income and will likely be financially eligible for Medicaid or COP based on a preliminary review.
- People waiting for COP or waiver services may be receiving some services allowable under Medicaid or other public funding as shown below.

Counties maintain information about persons on their wait list and submit the data to the Department of Health and Family Services via HSRS. The Department plans to send counties reports on their data monthly.

The chart below provides information as reported for December 31, 2002. (Data compiled on 2/6/03.)

	<b>Elderly</b>	<b>DD</b>	<b>PD</b>	<b>SMI</b>	<b>AODA /Other</b>	<b>Total</b>	
# Residing in Institution	245	173	154	16	7	<b>595</b>	(6%)
# Receiving No Public LTC Funding	1,725	1,915	2,169	122	61	<b>5,992</b>	(64%)
# Receiving Some Public LTC Funding, but No COP or Waiver Funding	412	1,486	492	291	62	<b>2,743</b>	(29%)
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>2,382</b>	<b>3,574</b>	<b>2,815</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>9,330</b>	(100%)
	(26%)	(38%)	(30%)	(5%)	(<1%)	(100%)	